

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S4973–S5025**

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1434–1448. **Pages S5017–18**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 1302, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California, to the City of Tracy. (S. Rept. No. 112–40)

S. 1313, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–41)

S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

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**Measures Passed:**

**Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act:** Senate passed H.R. 2608, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S4974–75**

Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 588, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4974–75**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–16) **Pages S5015–16**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

David T. Danielson, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy).

LaDoris Guess Harris, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy.

Evan Jonathan Wallach, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Ronnie Abrams, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Rudolph Contreras, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S4973, S5016**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5016–17**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5023–24**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5024**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5024.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### NOMINATION

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### SPECIALTY CROPS AND ORGANICS

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities for specialty crops and organics in the farm bill, after